

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2013**

Members Present:

Jan Little, Chairperson
Donna Lynn, Vice Chairperson
James Bakunas, Member
Annie Brooks, Member
Tara Dunning, Secretary
Javed Irshad, Member
Janet Shelton, Member
Debbie Weiner, Member

Staff Present:

Michael Pintar, Coordinator

Members Absent:

Linda O'Rourke, Member

Guest Present:

Sandra Mollahan, St. John's

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jan Little recognized that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority to order at 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2013. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. Welcome and introductions were made.

Confidentiality Statement:

The Coordinator read the confidentiality statement which indicates that personally identifiable information will not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Changes to the Agenda:

The Chairperson reviewed the agenda and asked for changes.

A motion was made by Dunning to move case #13-050-9012 to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate a representative from St. John's who is present today. Weiner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Lynn to enter into closed session at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried.

13-050-9012: Ms. Mollahan is in attendance today to present a written response to the founded allegations in case #13-050-9012. Mollahan discussed the corrective action plans that are now in place at the hospital. The written response was distributed and reviewed.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 30, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Weiner to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Dunning. Motion carried.

New Complaints:

13-050-9025: A staff person is accused of stealing \$6,000 from an individual at a CILA in Havana. The Office of Inspector General has opened an investigation on these allegations as well as the Illinois State Police. Criminal charges are being sought.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Brooks not to open 13-050-9025 for investigation. Motion carried.

13-050-9026: A consumer's privileges were reduced after another patient obtained personal property of the consumer's and attempted suicide. The consumer states that the property should have been under lock and key behind the nurse's station. The consumer feels it was the responsibility of the nurse and she should not have lost privileges. The complainant assumes staff did not security her property.

A motion was made by Lynn to open case #13-050-9026 for investigation. The motion was seconded by Bakunas. Motion passed.

Closed Session: A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Weiner to enter into closed session at 6:47 p.m. pursuant to Section 721 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss confidential and potentially identifiable information. Motion passed and the committee went into closed session.

Case Progress Reports:

Pintar reported on a number of cases. They include:

- 13-050-9009 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - privileges
- 13-050-9013 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center -notify guardian
- 13-050-9014- Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center Terry discharge
- 13-050-9015 - Parkview Place - Havana
- 13-050-9018 – Memorial needs investigated
- 13-050-9020- Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center -
- 13-050-9021 – St. John's needs investigated
- 13-050-9024 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - communications

Draft Reports of Findings:

- 13-050-9017 - SPARC: A written report was distributed for review and approval.
- 13-050-9023: Transitions of Western II - A written report was distributed for review and approval.

Case Closures:

- 12-050-9001: A written response has been received.
- 13-050-9004 & 9006: A written response has been received.
- 13-050-9011 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center Tom rescinded his complaint
- 13-050-9012: A written response has been received

13-070-9006: A judgment has been made by the General Counsel of the Guardianship & Advocacy Commission that HRA does not have the authority to investigate.

Open Session:

A motion was made by Shelton and seconded by to Lynn to come out of closed session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Shelton by approve the written report for 13-050-9017 as written. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dunning to approve the written report for 13-050-9023 as written. Weiner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Weiner and seconded by Brooks to close case 13-070-9006. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Lynn to close case 12-050-9001. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Lynn to close case 13-050-9004, 13-050-9006. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Weiner and seconded by Brooks to close case 13-050-9011 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center Tom rescinded his complaint

A motion was made by Shelton and seconded by Lynn to close case 13-050-9012. Motion carried.

Adjournment: At time the meeting of the HRA was adjourned by Chairperson Little. The next meeting will be held on July 23, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Dunning, Secretary

Date Approved